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Hilmar Gugel

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Examiner: Arnel C. Lavarias

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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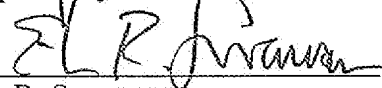
Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 18, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 18, 21-22), drawn to a scanning microscope. The Examiner has indicated that claim 17 links Groups I - IV, and that claims 20 and 34 would be examined with the elected invention if one of Groups I - IV is elected.

It is accordingly respectfully requested that each of claims 17, 18, 20-22 and 34 presently pending in this application be examined.

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Respectfully submitted,

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